

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْفَعُ دَرَجَاتٍ لِّكَ وَيُخْرِجُكَ مِنْ ظُلُمَاتٍ إِلَى نُّورٍ

صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمَ

Allah will elevate those of you who are faithful, and 'raise' those gifted with knowledge in rank (Al-Mujaadila 58:11)

# SUNDAY & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Masjid Jafar  
Al-Rahmah Community Center



**We are Masjid Jafar's diverse education team who believes in providing an authentic, interesting, and relevant curriculum to our students. We do this to help our youth build a strong Muslim personality that is confident and success oriented with the hope in Allah that they will one day give back to their community.**

SUNDAY AND AFTER SCHOOL TEAM

# THE VALUE OF ISLAMIC EDUCATION

Our beloved prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم informed us, "Seeking knowledge is compulsory upon every Muslim." (Ibn Majah) Muslims in the United States understand the challenges of providing Islamic inputs for their children who are exposed to too many un-Islamic ideologies and practices in their daily lives. Sunday schools have evolved over the decades as the needs of Muslim youth have evolved.

In today's times, our children face a constant battle of building, maintaining, and being proud of their Muslim identity. Beyond just reading and memorizing Quran or exploring the foundations of the deen, our children have to face a wave of criticism in a society that challenges God's role in the life of a human being and in this world.

For these reasons and more, our Sunday and after school program aims to look beyond the mere teaching of content. We aim to create an experience that will assist in preparing for the challenges of today. Along with the foundational teachings of Islam, we aim to foster an environment which welcomes the questions our children have and provide them with answers that relate to them while being grounded in the Quran & Sunnah.



Some of the ways we accomplish this challenge include:

- Reinforcing good moral character as taught in the Quran & Sunnah
- Having a better understanding of the diversity of our communities and separating culture from religion in teachings
- Connecting our curriculum with contemporary issues
- Utilize the most current research on Islam and Muslims in America to better understand and serve the needs of today's Muslim youth.

We thank Allah first and foremost for this opportunity. Next, we appreciate you, the parents and caretakers, for trusting us with the responsibility of delivering Islamic education to your child. Please keep our teachers and administrators in your duas.

Sincerely,  
The Sunday & after school team

## Overview of Sunday and After School Programs

Our Sunday school program is from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The after school is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Students take both Quran and Islamic studies during this time. For Quran, we start off with the Qaa'idah Noraniah. All students are tested by a certified teacher. Once students finish the Noraniah they start on Tajweed. During both classes students memorize from the Quran.

For Islamic studies, we use the five pillars as our outline. Students learn about the pillars and important Islamic values. They are given a final exam at the end of each semester based on what they learned.

Each grade level has a unique curriculum designed to deliver what is most important for their age. We ensure that the content is age appropriate and delivered in a meaningful way to the students.

We have limited sessions every semester so attendance is vital for a successful program. Please ensure your child is present at every session and on-time. If your child will be unable to make it, please contact their teacher or the administrators to inform them.

## Classroom Communication

We utilize the ClassDojo app as our main communication tool between teachers and parents. Please download the app on your phone or device. You should receive a link to join your classroom. If you do not, please email [masjidjafareducationprograms@gmail.com](mailto:masjidjafareducationprograms@gmail.com).

## Dress Code

Please ensure that your child is dressed in appropriate attire during the Sunday and after school program. They will be joining the prayer during the program. Boys and girls should wear clothing that covers their legs. Girls can bring a scarf to use during the prayer. We appreciate your cooperation in helping our students learn about the Salah!

## Safety

Only authorized persons are allowed to pick up students. For the safety and success of the educational environment, only school and masjid personnel and administrators will be allowed inside the buildings where the children are.

## Questions or Concerns

If at any time you have questions or are concerned about something, please bring it to the attention of our Sunday school administrators. They are present during school hours and can be reached at [masjidjafareducationprograms@gmail.com](mailto:masjidjafareducationprograms@gmail.com). You may also contact our Imam at [imam@masjidjafar.com](mailto:imam@masjidjafar.com).

## Grade Level Focus

For the youngest members of our community, we aim to give them the most critical foundations of faith. It is upon these foundations that they will grow as Muslims and build their identities. These foundations are built upon knowing who Allah is and that He loves us so much. Throughout each session, our teachers will reinforce the love of Allah and the need for us to love Him as well.

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## Islamic Studies Curriculum

Topics will include:

1. Our Creator, Allah
  - a. Al-Khaliq
  - b. Allah is with us
  - c. Allah is watching us
  - d. Love for Allah
  - e. Allah's mercy
2. Our deen, Islam
  - a. Shahada
  - b. Salah
  - c. Sadaqa
  - d. Sawm
  - e. Hajj
3. Our guide, the Quran
  - a. How was it sent down?
  - b. The first revelation
  - c. General knowledge
4. Our Heroes, the Prophets
  - a. Adam (as)
  - b. Nuh (as)
  - c. Ibrahim (as)
  - d. Musa (as)
  - e. Eesa (as)
  - f. Muhammad (saw)



## Quran Curriculum

The Quran curriculum consists of teaching Al-Qaa'idah An-Nooraniya. This program focuses on mastery of the skill of reading the Quran properly. Students are placed in varying levels based on their ability to read. Teachers work to improve their independent reading, their tajwid, memorization of surahs, as well as a foundational understanding of the Arabic language.

## Grade Level Focus

As children grow into the 2nd and 3rd grade range, they become much more inquisitive. They want to know more about the whys and hows of the things they learn. In this level, students will be introduced to more concepts of our deen, particularly the six pillars of Iman, that lay the foundation for strong belief. They will go deeper than just "what we do." They will begin to explore why it all makes sense, inshaAllah!

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## Islamic Studies Curriculum

Topics will include

1. The pillars of Iman
  - a. Belief in Allah
  - b. Belief in angels
  - c. Belief in scriptures
  - d. Belief in prophets
  - e. Belief in Day of Judgment
  - f. Belief in Allah's divine knowledge and commands (Qadr)
2. Our enemy: Shaytan
3. Our connection with Allah: Salah
  - a. How to pray
  - b. How to focus and stay connected
4. Our duty to others: Zakat
5. A journey of a lifetime: Hajj
6. Our guide, the Quran
  - a. Major goals of the Quran
  - b. Relationship with the Quran
7. Our heroes, the prophets
  - a. Ismaeel (as)
  - b. Ishaaq (as)
  - c. Yunus (as)
  - d. Yusuf (as)
  - e. Suleiman (as)
  - f. Muhammad (saw)



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## Grade Level Focus

The 4th and 5th grade levels are a great time to reinforce core concepts of the deen while also diving into deeper discussions around the reasoning behind our actions and beliefs. Students in this level will be introduced to additional topics related to salah, zakat, and the study of aqeedah (theology). As the mind of a growing child continues to make sense of the world around it, these core concepts of the faith taught with more depth will aim to provide more certainty about our deen.

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## Islamic Studies Curriculum

Topics will include:

1. Our connection with Allah: Salah
  - a. How to pray
  - b. How to stay focus and connected
  - c. Fixing mistakes in salah
  - d. Different types of salawat
  - e. Etiquettes of the masjid
2. Fasting
  - a. Why we fast?
  - b. Rulings related to fasting
3. Zakat
  - a. Why do we give zakat?
  - b. How zakat is given
  - c. The difference between zakat & sadaqa
4. Our Aqeedah (creed)
  - a. Allah is the only Creator
  - b. Allah is the only one deserving worship
  - c. Allah's beautiful names and perfect attributes
5. A journey of a lifetime: Hajj
6. Our guide, the Quran
7. Prophet stories



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## Grade Level Focus

In the middle school level, our children are transitioning to the part of life in Islam known as "bulooḡh," or maturity. Islamically, they will soon be responsible before Allah for their own good deeds and also for their sins. This is the time to engage them in discussions and conversations about life and faith that is relevant to the experiences they have. The core concepts of our faith are universal for all age groups, however what is important is how we engage them at this age.

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## Islamic Studies Curriculum

Topics will include:

1. Coming closer to Allah
2. The importance of intentions
3. The value of earning from halal
4. Special prayers
  - a. Salat al-Istisqaa (prayer for rain)
  - b. Salat al-Kusuf (eclipse prayer)
  - c. and others
5. Beyond obligation: The value of extra and optional prayers
6. The conquest of Makkah
7. The power of Allah from Surah Yaseen
8. Modeling good deeds
9. The importance of oaths and vows
10. Living healthy as a Muslim
11. Respecting our families
12. The importance of the Sunnah
13. and more



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# OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS

None of our aspirations of educating and enlightening our young community would be possible without the dedication and efforts of our teachers. We thank Allah first and foremost for the blessing of our masjid and our school. Afterwards, we are grateful for the individuals who give their time and their hearts to this cause.

## Islamic Studies Team

### Kindergarten & 1st grade:

Sisters Kholod & Sister Manar

### 2nd & 3rd grade:

Sister Abir

### 4th & 5th grade

Sisters Abir and Bayan

### Middle school

Sister Bayan - girls

Brother Ahmed - boys

## Quran Team

### Kindergarten & 1st grade:

Sisters Manar, Kholod, & Nahida

### 2nd & 3rd grade:

Sisters Iman & Baara'ah

### 4th & 5th grade:

Sisters Susan, Iman & Bara'ah

### Middle school:

Sister Susan - girls

Brother Ahmed - boys



# SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

## DR. DALIA SOFI

Principal  
dasofi@hotmail.com

Dr. Dalia has an M.D. from Egypt. She has been the principal of the Sunday and after school program at Masjid Jafar for 5 years. She is Noraniah certified and teaches some of the classes. Dr. Dalia is happy to use her passion and experience to work with our students to have a positive impact on their life.

## TAGHREED ARMAN

Director of Education  
armantaghreed@gmail.com

Sister Taghreed has a degree in Education. She has been working with the Sunday and After School program for six years, three as a teacher and three as the director. She has a passion for teaching the youth and reading.

## IMAM ARSHAD ANWAR

Advisor  
imam@masjidjafar.com

Imam Arshad is the director of religious affairs & community development at Masjid Jafar. He holds a bachelors in Islamic Studies with a specialization in Tafsir & Quranic sciences as well as a Masters in Educational Leadership. He serves as an advisor to the Sunday & after school programs.

# SUPPORT YOUR MASJID

All of our programming that we are blessed to have comes from the favor of Allah first and then the financial support from the community. We must invest in our own institutions so we can continue to provide relevant, impactful programs and services for everyone. Along with enrolling your child in our Sunday or after school program, please continue to support the masjid for the success of the entire community. There are many ways to support.

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  - b. Optional charity: [sadaqah@masjidjafar.com](mailto:sadaqah@masjidjafar.com)
  - c. Mandatory charity: [zakat@masjidjafar.com](mailto:zakat@masjidjafar.com)
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